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RAJYA SABHA

4.	i. Late Virender Kr. JTA Gr-III(I) ii. 12.2.1999	Rejected He was unmarried.	i. Rs. 36,630 ii. Dependent father. mother, Two unmarried brother. & One 'unmarried sister.
5.	i. Late Mani Ram Tech.Gr-VI ii. 7.2.1999	Rejected Involved in criminal case including applicant.	i. Benefits yet not settled.
6.	i. Late S.D. Murthy Dy. SPO ii. 09.07.1998	Rejected Wife is bank employees.	i. Rs. 2,11,780 Rs. 3350 F/Pension ii. One daughter & One son (Minor)
7.	i. Sh. Mange Ram Tech.Gr.-ii 1(3) ii. 16.08.1999	Rejected Applicant is over aged & Married. No liability	i. Rs. 87,298 ii. Rs. 1575 F/ Pension
8.	i. Late Mam Chand Farash (Non Tech) ii. 23.01.2000	Yet to be Considered	i. Rs. 1,31,000 Rs. 1275 F/Pension ii. Four minor children
9.	i. Late Jagdish Pd. Helper 'B' ii. 28.05.2000	Yet to be considered	i. Rs. 57,000 Rs. 1275 F/Pension ii. Four minor children

Test flight of SARAS

2313. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's first indigenously built light transport aircraft SARAS will be ready for its test flight by the end of the current year; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the work on this project has been delayed; if so to what extent; and

(c) the extra expenditure likely to be incurred?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) India's first indigenously built Light Transport Aircraft SARAS is expected to be ready for its first flight around middle of the next year.

(b) The work on the first flight of the prototype has been delayed due to:

(i) difficulties in procurement of air-worthy certified components;

(ii) inadequacy of requisite quality machining facilities in India; and

(iii) technological difficulties in wing forming etc. However, efforts are being made to keep up to the original overall project duration period of three and half years from the date of sanction.

(c) No extra expenditure is envisaged at this moment due to the initial delay.

Harassment of Scientists

2314. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists have written to the PM about their constant harassment by the Central Vigilance Commission, especially in the National Physical Laboratory, Delhi and Central Scientific Instruments Organization, Chandigarh;

(b) its impact on research undertaken by the CSIR scientists in different units; and

(c) the action proposed to desist frequent scrutiny of decisions taken by scientists on financial matters?